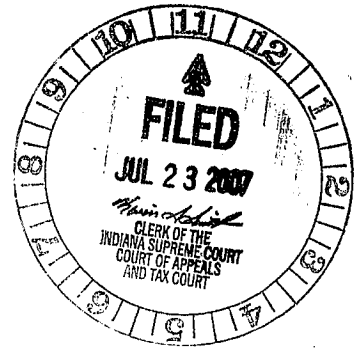


In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF THE)
) Case No. 59S00-0767MS-284
APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES)
)
FOR ORANGE COUNTY)

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULE
ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 15**

The Hon. Larry R. Blanton, Judge of the Orange Circuit Court and the Hon. R. Michael Cloud, Judge of the Orange Superior Court, have forwarded for approval by this Court an amendment to the local rule concerning the regulation of court reporter services in accordance with Ind. Administrative Rule 15. Such amendment for the Orange Circuit and Superior Courts is set forth as an attachment to this order.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Orange Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment to Local Rule LR59-AR15-1 complies with the requirements of Ind. Administrative Rule 15, and, accordingly, should be approved effective thirty (30) days after the rules have been posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that Orange County Local Rule LR59-AR15-1, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective thirty (30) days after the rule has been posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Hon. Larry R. Blanton, Orange Circuit Court, 1 Court Street, Courthouse, Paoli, IN 47454-1321; the Hon. R. Michael Cloud, Orange Superior Court, 205 East Main Street, Suite 16, Paoli, IN 47454; and to the Clerk of the Orange Circuit and Superior Courts.

The Clerk of the Orange Circuit and Superior Courts is directed to enter this Order and attachment in the Record of Judgments and Orders for the Courts, to post this Order and attachment for examination by the Bar and the general public, and if available, to publish this Order and attachment on the county clerk's website.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 23rd day of July, 2007.

FOR THE COURT

Randall T. Shepard
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Chief Justice of Indiana

STATE OF INDIANA

IN THE ORANGE CIRCUIT AND
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IN RE THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT
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AMENDED LOCAL RULE

Comes now Larry R. Blanton, Judge of the Orange Circuit Court, and R. Michael Cloud, Judge of the Orange Superior Court, and pursuant to Trial Rule 81 of the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure, do not propose the following amended local rule to aid in the fair and efficient resolution of disputes. This amended local rule is proposed in accordance with Trial Rule 81 as an exception to the schedule since we find that good cause exists for deviation from the normal schedule.

The proposed amended local rule shall be indexed as follows:

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COURT REPORTER SERVICES

This proposed amended local rule shall be digitally transmitted to the Clerk of the Orange Circuit Court and to the Division of State Court Administration pursuant to Trial Rule 81 (B) (2). The Clerk of the Orange Circuit Court shall post a copy of this proposed amended local rule in her office for a period of thirty (30) days commencing immediately. Comments about this proposed amended local rule should be sent to the Orange Circuit Court, 1 Court Street, Paoli, Indiana 47454.

This proposed amended local rule shall be effective if, and when approved by the Indiana Supreme Court.

SO ORDERED THIS 12th day of July, 2007.

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LARRY R. BLANTON, JUDGE
ORANGE CIRCUIT COURT

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R. MICHAEL CLOUD, JUDGE
ORANGE SUPERIOR COURT

LR59-AR 15-1

The Courts of Orange County, Indiana adopt the following local rule for Court Reporter services pursuant to Administrative Rule 15.

1. Each Court Reporter shall be paid an annual salary for time spent working under the control, direction and direct supervision of the court during any regular work hours, gap hours, or overtime hours.
2. Regular working hours shall be 35 hours per week. Gap hours shall be hours worked in excess of 35 hours per week. Overtime hours shall be hours worked in excess of 40 hours.
3. That for any gap or overtime hours worked, the Court and the Court Reporter shall enter into a written agreement whereby compensation for such work shall be as follows:
 - a. Compensatory time off from regular work hours shall be given in an amount equal to the number of gap hours worked.
 - b. Compensatory time off from regular work hours shall be given in the amount of one and one-half (1 ½) times the number of overtime hours worked.
4. The Court Reporter shall be compensated at the rate of ~~\$4.50~~ \$5.00 per page for any county indigent, state indigent or private ordinary transcripts prepared. Index and Table of Contents pages shall be charged at the rate of ~~\$3.50~~ \$4.00 per page. The Court Reporter shall submit directly to the county a claim for the preparation of the county indigent transcripts as other county claims are submitted. If the Court Reporter is requested to prepare an expedited transcript, the maximum per page fee shall be \$10.00 where the transcript must be prepared within 24 hours or less and \$7.00 where the transcript must be prepared within 3 working days; provided however that there shall be a minimum fee of ~~\$45.00~~ \$50.00 for expedited transcripts.
5. A minimum fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) will be charged for ordinary transcripts less than seven (7) pages in length.
6. An additional labor charge approximating the hourly rate based upon the court reporter's annual compensation shall be charged for the time spent binding the transcripts and the exhibit binders.
7. The court reporter may charge a reasonable charge for the office supplies required and utilized for the binding and electronic transmission of the Transcript, pursuant

to Indiana Rules of Appellate Procedure 28 and 29. The costs for these supplies shall be determined pursuant to a Schedule of Transcript Supplies, which shall be established and published annually by the judges of Orange County.

8. If a transcript is prepared for the purposes of appeal, the original paper transcript shall be forwarded to the Clerk upon completion. The Court Reporter is also directed to produce two copies of an electronically formatted transcript, one of which shall become an official record of the court proceedings and kept in the court where said proceeding was held, and the other of which shall be submitted to the Clerk along with the original paper transcript.
9. Any transcript prepared for reasons other than appeal shall be delivered to the requesting party.
10. Each Court Reporter who receives income from the preparation of transcripts shall report such amounts, at least annually, to the Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration on forms prescribed by such Division.
11. This rule is purposefully silent as to the hours during which court reporters may prepare transcripts, as to whether court reporters must reimburse the Court for use of its equipment and work space in preparing transcripts, and as to whether court reporters must furnish their own supplies when preparing transcripts. The Judges of the Orange Circuit and the Orange Superior Courts retain their individual authority to make rules on such matters applicable only to their particular Court.
12. Should any Court Reporter elect to engage in the private business of recording and/or transcribing depositions, they shall do so outside the employee's scheduled working hours, on the employee's time off, or the employee may elect to use compensatory time. Each Court shall be responsible for setting the amount of reimbursement and fees for the use of the Court's equipment and workspace. The Court Reporter shall furnish her own supplies for such purposes.